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### THE "COUNTRY MEETING."

On the 11th of December, a large number of prominent agriculturists, from different sections of the State, gathered together in the hall of the Farmers' Board of Agriculture, for the purpose of discussing the various subjects which were brought before them. The meeting was held in the evening, and was attended by a large number of gentlemen, who were all well known to the members of the Board. The subjects discussed were of great importance, and the discussion was very interesting. The meeting was held in the hall of the Farmers' Board of Agriculture, and was attended by a large number of gentlemen, who were all well known to the members of the Board. The subjects discussed were of great importance, and the discussion was very interesting.

### WINTER CARE OF LAYING HENS.

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### GRAIN AND VEGETABLES.

There are none of the cereals raised in this country, says the *Farmer*, that are so much abused as the grain and vegetables. The farmer should take the proper care of his grain and vegetables, so that they may be able to produce a large quantity of grain and vegetables during the winter months. The farmer should take the proper care of his grain and vegetables, so that they may be able to produce a large quantity of grain and vegetables during the winter months.

### THE WOOD PILE.

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### ASPARAGUS.

Written especially for the *Mass. Farmer*.  
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### "SWEETSTAKE PRIZE WINNERS"

At the Chicago Fat Stock Show of 1881.  
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### STOCK DEPARTMENT.

**INOCULATION OF ANIMALS.**  
In the June number of the *Medical Record*, James Lee has an exceedingly interesting article on the mitigation of the malignancy of disease. A portion of the article is devoted to the consideration of the inoculation of animals with the virus of the disease. The article is very interesting, and contains many valuable suggestions.

### POULTRY.

**"FRUIT GROWING."**  
Address of Avery P. Slade.  
The Chairman of the Board of Agriculture, in his address to the annual meeting of the Board, has called attention to the importance of fruit growing. He has pointed out the many advantages of fruit growing, and has urged the farmers to take the proper care of their fruit trees. The Chairman's address was very interesting, and contained many valuable suggestions.

### THE MANAGEMENT OF CULTIVATED MOWING LANDS.

By John B. Moore.  
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